

Duvall Library Board – Meeting Minutes for April 2009

Call to Order

Paige called the meeting to order on April 27th at 6:04 p.m.

Board members attending: Don Barden, Alan Butler, Paige Denison, Denny Redman, Karen Wallin

Duvall Civic Club/Friends of the Library: Joe Lee Davidson, Sue Juhre

Duvall Library: Laura Boyes

Valley View: Carol Ladwig

Review of Minutes from March 23rd, 2009 (Denny)

No revisions were suggested and the minutes were approved as written.

Old Business

Update on new library facility (Paige)

As Mayor Will Ibershof and Lara Thomas of the City were unable to attend, Paige updated the group on recent events.

At an Executive Session of the Duvall City Council, three plans for potential library sites on the Duvall Church property, drawn by Johnston Architects, were presented. During the Public Comment section of the Council agenda, Don Barden of the Library Board was able to convey the Board's support for the purchase of the church property for joint use by the City and the Duvall Library.

Only Plan B appears to be viable and shows a separate library building to be sited just to the south of the current church building. The church proper could house the City administrative functions and Public Works.

KCLS and the City jointly paid for the plans to be done and an appraisal of the property. The appraisal should be available shortly. At the REaD Carpet Event the previous Saturday, Denise Siers told Karen that KCLS is also waiting for a comparison of the Duvall Church property and the current Library property being done by Johnston Architects. That report should be ready in 2-3 weeks. In the Director's Report, Bill Ptacek stated that "KCLS has told the City that it would be ideal if the savings could equal the cost of the new property".

The issues around the purchase of this property are complex and totally appreciated by the Board. The Mayor has suggested having a Town Hall meeting to gather citizen input on these issues. The underlying concern is the indebtedness the City would undergo to purchase and develop the property. Economic conditions are difficult and yet this is an extraordinary opportunity. A Town Hall meeting would provide Council members with the information they need to make a sound decision. If the City is not able to move ahead, KCLS will be forced to build on a seriously compromised site.

The Board discussed getting the word out quickly. Some suggestions included:

- ✓ flyers to be given out at the plant sale on 5/9
- ✓ articles in the 2 valley papers (Carol Ladwig reporting that The Valley View will be moving to a monthly format 5/1)
- ✓ use of the Duvall utility bill mailing
- ✓ word of mouth
- ✓ flyers posted throughout town

One member of the group expressed concern that there are a fair number of people now living in the City who really do not care about the library and may attend a meeting to indicate so. The Board agreed that is a risk, but the Council needs to hear all sides of the issue. The City remains very interested in having the library sited in historical Duvall, and is making every effort to search out ways for that to happen.

Laura B asked that the City's Planning Department interface with KCLS on setting a date for a Town Hall meeting. They would wish to be involved.

KCLS Nuts and Bolts

Laura asked Karen to report on the REaD Carpet Event, staged for the Friends of the Library at the Service Center, April 25th. The event was well attended, with displays of fundraising ideas and various FOL projects and a buffet breakfast. Awards were given for the Friends of the Library Hall of Fame, the Friend of the Year, and a Lifetime Achievement Award. Karen, along with Lisa Yeager of the Civic Club, and Pam Hunter, Community Liaison/Woodinville enjoyed the well-planned and implemented event. The highlight of the morning was a presentation by Nancy Pearl who left us with a list of her "new favorite books" and a copy of this list was distributed to Board members.

Laura reported that the library card contest is coming to a close and the teen writing contest is over on May 3rd. A number of other programming materials were distributed, including April and May programs in Duvall.

The Board is very pleased with the information that new library hours will be effective June 1. This will result in 3 additional open hours on Wednesday mornings, with 1 hour early closures on Wednesday and Thursday to accommodate the shift.

"Look to your Library" will be held at all libraries (except Skykomish). Libraries will open 1 hour early for the entire week of 5/1-8. Staff members will be on hand at stations to introduce patrons to the resources available to them at the library, including referral to other agencies. The focus of the program is to assist job-seekers and people needing financial information.

As a part of this program, the Techlab, KCLS's fully equipped mobile computer classroom, will be making a stop in Duvall on May 7th. This will

include exploring library resources for job seekers, practicing using e-mail or receiving resumé assistance.

El Dia de los Niños/Dia de los Libros (Child Day/Book Day) will be held at the Duvall Library on April 28th.

The **Big Read** will be happening in May and June. *Call of the Wild* by Jack London and Gary Paulsen will be the featured book. Programs and author visits are scheduled throughout the system.

Laura mentioned that she will be on vacation 5/9-5/25.

New Business

Youth Member

Paige received a copy of the Kenmore municipal code from KCLS.

Requirements included being a resident of Kenmore, 16+ years of age with possible exceptions, can regularly attend meetings and a 1 year term of office with re-appointment possible.

Board feedback generally agreed with the Kenmore codes but did discuss expanding the catchment area to the Riverview School District and not just the City of Duvall. Mayor Ibershof liked the idea. The new member would be a full Board member, not just a youth representative. The City will work on some language to create the position.

Denny offered to contact his daughter Emma to solicit feedback on her youth board member experience.

Duvall Civic Club / Friends of the Library

Plant Sale

Joe Lee and Sue reported on the coming plant sale (May 9). George's Bakery will have their famous doughnuts and there will be a number of other booths offering items consistent with Mother's Day. Nineteen booths are scheduled which is twice the size of previous sales. There will be a raffle barrel in the library. They are in need of extra wagons and clipboards.

Duvall Reads

The next program is tentatively scheduled for May 19th at the Rose Room

The second book in Duvall Reads is a trilogy by Malcolm Gladwell. Read one, two, or all three!

1. "The Tipping Point: How Little Things Make a Big Difference" (2000)
2. "Blink: The Power of Thinking Without Thinking" (2005)
3. "Outliers: The Story of Success" (2008)

Adjournment

The May Board meeting is cancelled due to Memorial Day. Paige will contact members if a meeting is required.

The next meeting will be June 22, 6:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Karen E Wallin